

Docket No. F-8015

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Wayne DAWSON, et al.  
Filed : October 24, 2003  
For : A NOVEL METHOD FOR PREDICTING THE  
SPATIAL-ARRANGEMENT TOPOLOGY OF AN  
AMINO ACID SEQUENCE USING FREE ENERGY  
COMBINED WITH SECONDARY STRUCTURAL  
INFORMATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2) EXPLAINING WHY COLOR  
DRAWING S ARE NECESSARY**

Sir:

Please charge the \$130 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) for this petition to  
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excess payment to the same deposit account.

Also submitted with this application are 3 sets of color drawings and a black  
and white photocopy of the color drawings.

The specification, as presently amended, contains the paragraph specified  
in 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iv).

It is hereby petitioned that the color drawings be permitted in the application

as being necessary for the following reasons:

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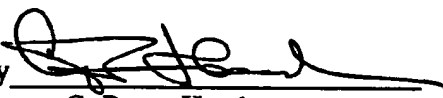
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The invention is a highly complex one in the field of biotechnology. In particular, it is concerned with a novel algorithm for determining the spatial - arrangement topology of a protein. Because the topology is highly complex, the color coding of the topology utilized in the drawings is of great assistance to enable those of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention relates to comprehend the disclosure and there is no equally effective means within the verbal and graphic tools available to a drafter of a U.S. patent application to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to understand the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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